

# There we work!



# After the pilot phase (2012)

- Implementation of Family Group Conference
- Presentation of FGC for 36 social workers as referrers in all districts of Lower Austria
- 12 authorized coordinators to coordinate FGC's in Lower Austria in 16 of 21 districts (they need a license from the government of Lower Austria)





**„Widen the circle  
and ask the family!“**

**made in Austria**



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# Numbers of FGC's after the pilot phase



Until October 2013

→ 7 FGC's had been done

→ 3 FGC's in the pipeline

# Training for coordinators

- The third training will begin in November 2013
- Up to now 28 certificated coordinators from the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences (mainly of the provinces Lower Austria, Styria and Vienna)

# Lower Austria,, Styria, Vienna



# Socialnet-Conferences



- For young delinquents up to 21 years old
- Restaurativ Conferences with the social net of the victims and the social net of the offenders to reach an agreement for redemption. The offender can admit responsibility and also apologise.
- Problem Solving Conference during the probation time to solve, reduce or alleviate a problem (or a bunch of problems).
- Socialnet-Conferences to prepare release from prison. Goal is to prepare the social surrounding as optimal as possible for the release from prison.

# Socialnetwork-Conferences for mobilisation and vitalisation the social net of unemployed people

Project 2011-2013, not a single conference took place. Concerning factors are:

- specialities of the labour market
- the willingness of the familiar and social environment to take part
- setting without an enforcement context
- a wish or pressure for changement is needed
- time for preparation is a critical factor
- The preparation process enabled individual problem solutions





# Supported decision making for persons with disabilities



- Socialgroup Conferences according to the „UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities“ for instance to avoid guardians
- Social Group Conferences should be inspired by the court when a guardian might be necessary
- We prepared a Flyer in „easy language“ for persons with disabilities and without disabilities

# Our aims of the last year and what we have reached

- Implementation of FGC in Lower Austria ✓
- The seed in Styria and Vienna ✓ 😊
- Network meeting for Austrian co-ordinators ✓
- A pilot project according to the Implementation of the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities to avoid guardians if it is possible – we are on the way

# Our goals for 2014

## We won't get tired

- Never change a winning team – going on with the cooperation between the youth welfare service of Lower Austria (Claudia Aufreiter) and the team of the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences
- Inspiring of an Austrian task force to implement FGC's in the „Ministry of Family“
- Recommending FGC in the casemanagement conferences of the youth welfare services
- Bachelorproject at the St. Pölten University 2014/2015 to do evaluation

# The situation in Swiss?

- There might be some isolated stakeholders of FGC
- which are not crosslinked
- The social welfare systems don't know FGC
- At the Bern University of social education workers FGC is part of the curriculum
- There is no financial incentive for the welfare system

# What else?



Will host the  
germanspeaking  
network meeting  
2014☺

You are welcome!

